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H. F. No. 3891

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; establishing a legislative working group to examine
1.3 methods of identifying student eligibility for compensatory revenue calculations;
1.4 providing appointments; requiring a report.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. LEGISLATIVE WORKING GROUP ON IDENTIFYING THE
1.7 APPROPRIATE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY METRIC FOR CALCULATING
1.8 COMPENSATORY REVENUE.

1.9 Subdivision 1. Membership; chair. (a) The legislative working group on compensatory
1.10 revenue must consist of eight members as follows:

1.11 (1) four members of the house of representatives, two members appointed by the speaker
1.12 of the house and two members appointed by the house minority leader; and

1.13 (2) four members of the senate, two members appointed by the senate majority leader
1.14 and two members appointed by the senate minority leader.

1.15 (b) Appointing authorities must make appointments by June 15, 2022.

1.16 (c) If a vacancy occurs, the appointing authority for the vacated position must fill the
1.17 vacancy.

1.18 (d) The speaker of the house and the senate majority leader must each designate one
1.19 working group member from each respective body to serve as chair. The chair must rotate
1.20 after each meeting. The person appointed as chair by the speaker of the house must convene
1.21 the first meeting of the working group by June 30, 2022.

1.22 (e) The working group is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 3.055.

2.1 Subd. 2. **Duties.** (a) The working group must study requirements and practices to identify  
2.2 students whose families qualify as low income for purposes of calculating compensatory  
2.3 revenue.

2.4 (b) The working group must solicit input from the state demographer, the Department  
2.5 of Education, the Children's Cabinet, the Department of Human Services, the Department  
2.6 of Revenue, school districts and charter schools, county program managers implementing  
2.7 MNBenefits, and other interested stakeholders as to the best methods to provide a direct  
2.8 match for qualifying families.

2.9 (c) For purposes of calculating compensatory revenue, the working group must consider  
2.10 the benefits and disadvantages to the yearly application for free or reduced-price meals and  
2.11 whether eligibility may be determined throughout the school year.

2.12 (d) The working group must examine the effect of the Community Eligibility Provision  
2.13 program participation on students' reported free and reduced-price meal eligibility. The  
2.14 working group must also consider whether a simplified eligibility form could be used by  
2.15 students who attend Community Eligibility Provision program sites.

2.16 Subd. 3. **Assistance.** (a) To the extent practicable, the Department of Education must  
2.17 provide the working group with data necessary to analyze proposals altering the way that  
2.18 students are counted for purposes of calculating compensatory revenue.

2.19 (b) The Legislative Coordinating Commission must provide technical and administrative  
2.20 assistance to the working group upon request.

2.21 Subd. 4. **Recommendations; report.** The working group must issue a report to the  
2.22 governor and chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with  
2.23 jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education by June 30, 2023.

2.24 Subd. 5. **Expiration.** The working group expires July 1, 2023.

2.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.